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## Relatives wonder how Ala. prof in slaying hired

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Grieving relatives of three professors gunned down at a university faculty meeting questioned why their accused colleague was hired despite a dispute with a former boss who received a pipe bomb, and the shooting death of her brother.

Amy Bishop is charged in the three deaths and the wounding of three other professors at a meeting Friday at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She was vocal in her resentment over being denied tenure and the looming loss of her teaching post, though relatives and students said she had never suggested she might become violent.

The outbreak of violence was followed by a weekend of revelations that Bishop had a difficult past that she did not discuss with her Alabama colleagues.

In 1986, Bishop shot and killed her 18-year-old brother with a shotgun at their Braintree, Mass., home. She told police at the time that she had been trying to learn how to use the gun, which her father had bought for protection, when it accidentally discharged.

Authorities released her and said the episode was a tragic accident. She was never charged, though current Braintree police Chief Paul Frazier questions how the investigation was handled.

In another incident, *The Boston Globe* reported that Bishop and her husband were questioned by investigators looking into a pipe bomb sent to one of Bishop's colleagues, Dr. Paul Rosenberg, at Children's Hospital Boston in 1993. The bomb did not go off, and nobody was ever charged.

Bishop's father-in-law, Jim Anderson, told *The Associated Press* that his son and daughter-in-law "were cleared when the evidence proved they had nothing to do with it."

He said ATF conducted the investigation. "They focused on the wrong persons and let the bad guy(s) flee," he said.



Kristina Liddle, a junior at UAH, leaves a bouquet of flowers at a UAH monument next to the University Center. A service was held there Sunday, Feb. 14, to mourn the three faculty slain and three others wounded last Friday during a shooting at University of Alabama in Huntsville. (AP Photo/Huntsville Times, Dave Dieter)

Sylvia Fluckiger, a lab technician who worked with Bishop at the time, said Bishop had been in a dispute with Rosenberg shortly before the bombs were discovered, though she didn't know the nature of the disagreement.

"It was common knowledge," she told the AP Sunday.

Bishop told Fluckiger she was questioned by police. "They must have had their reasons," Fluckiger said.

The widower and two

stepdaughters of one of the professors killed said they were shocked that Bishop was hired by UAH, given her past.

"I think they need to do a little more investigation when coming down to hiring teachers and things like that. Maybe looking a little deeper into their past about certain things. This is a lot coming out ... It's a shocker," said Melissa Davis, whose stepmother was Maria Ragland Davis, on ABC's "Good Morning

America" on Monday.

Her sister Latashia Davis said she was angry: "How did she even get a job working at the school if she had this type of background?"

Still, those who knew Bishop said nothing suggested she might become violent. Several family members, friends and students said the intelligent and at times awkward teacher seemed normal in the hours before police say she opened fire in a faculty meeting Friday.

Investigators have declined to discuss a motive, but Bishop didn't hide her displeasure over the fact she'd been denied tenure — a type of job-for-life security afforded to academics.

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## Gubernatorial candidate visits UTM

**Sarah Rowland**  
Pacer Writer

UTM hosted gubernatorial candidate Kim McMillan last Friday Feb. 12. When asked why she was visiting UTM, McMillan said she wanted to support the efforts of UTM and all the other higher education institutions in the area.

McMillan served 12 years in the Tennessee General Assembly beginning in 1994. She also served as Tennessee's first female Majority Leader for four years. She said, "I went to Nashville with the hope of really trying to make a difference for my children, for everybody else's children, for people all across the state of Tennessee."

She served a term in Governor Bredesen's cabinet where she said she learned a



Kim McMillan

lot about state government, both legislative and executive government, and the role of the governor as the CEO of the state to bring change and good things to Tennessee.

"I felt I had the right mix of experience and know how to get in there and get things done. Create jobs and prove our education system. Focus on making sure our families

have the right resources that they need in our great state and I think that's the reason to run."

In light of education reform beginning in Tennessee, McMillan was asked her plans for education. She expressed excitement about the changes that are happening in education and that as governor, she would continue to focus on a lot of the changes already being put in place.

"But it's going to take a governor who understands those educational improvements and is willing to implement them."

McMillan said she is the only candidate who has served in the legislative and executive branches, and in higher education as an employee of Austin Peay State University. As such, she said she can bring a different viewpoint

and understanding of key education issues.

McMillan wants to focus on raising graduation rates at the high school and higher education levels, work on retention rates and providing opportunities to help students remain in school.

When asked how she would like to see possible Race to the Top funds used in Tennessee she said, "The first and foremost thing that I believe those funds need to be used for is to help our teachers. We know that the key to education, the key to children graduating both from high school and college, is our teachers. Teachers make the difference." She said the state has a responsibility to ensure teachers have the tools they need but Tennessee hasn't been doing that.

"These funds can actually help with professional

development. They can help with mentoring programs. They can help with training. So I would imagine that the majority of these funds would be used to help our teachers teach our children."

McMillan views education as a means to economic development because companies want an educated workforce. She said, "We know an educated workforce creates, produces, and grows jobs so we need to put those two together, focus on putting those two together and I think we'll come out of this recession."

However, education within economic development isn't restricted to a college degree. She said many businesses in rural areas are downsizing because workers don't have the skills they need.

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## Tuck indicted in Shelby County

Convicted rapist gets 16 counts

**Randy Cavin**  
News Editor

Bruce Tuck, convicted of multiple aggravated rapes and other felony charges in Weakley County Dec. 10, 2009 was indicted by the Shelby County Grand Jury Thursday, Feb. 11, according to a press release from the Shelby County District Attorney's Office.

Shelby County District Attorney Bill Gibbons said Thursday that the Grand Jury returned with three separate indictments against Tuck on multiple felony charges including aggravated rape, aggravated robbery, and aggravated burglary.

In the first indictment Tuck is charged with five counts of aggravated rape, especially aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, two counts of aggravated burglary, employing a firearm during a felony, and burglary of a motor vehicle. The alleged offenses in the first indictment occurred between June 26 and June 28, 2009.

In the second indictment Tuck is charged with five counts of aggravated rape, aggravated robbery, two counts of aggravated sexual battery, two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of aggravated burglary, and employing a firearm during a felony. The alleged offenses occurred between August 4 and August 6, 2009.

In the third indictment Tuck is charged with six counts of aggravated rape, attempted aggravated rape, two counts of especially aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, two counts of aggravated burglary, and employing a firearm during a felony. The alleged offenses occurred between August 22 and August 25, 2009.

Tuck is currently serving a 60 year sentence without the possibility of parole with the Tennessee Department of Corrections. The press release said he will be transported from the Hardeman County Correctional Facility to the Shelby County Jail where he will be held without bond on these most recent indictments. An arraignment date in Shelby County has not yet been scheduled.

"These reported crimes are especially heinous," Gibbons said.

"Although Mr. Tuck is already serving a very long prison sentence for crimes committed elsewhere, we intend to hold him accountable here in Shelby County as well."

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# Viewpoints

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## Editorial: Guns aren't right answer

If we don't like what's happening to us, let's just shoot somebody.

Do what?! Seriously, what is going on when teachers, one in Huntsville and one in Knoxville, allegedly use guns to express their angst?

Read our lead story on the University of Alabama in Huntsville biology teacher who is charged with killing three fellow department members and critically wounding two others last Friday. Then read our page 3 story on the Inskip Elementary School shooting in Knoxville last Wednesday, where a teacher is charged with critically wounding the principal and assistant principal of the school.

In the Alabama shooting, conflicting stories have surfaced of the teacher's involvement years ago in the shooting death of her brother. In the Knoxville shooting, Knox County school investigators were reviewing allegations that the teacher involved in the shooting "might be a danger to staff and students," according to the Associated Press.

In both cases, news reports are alleging that the two teachers' contracts were not going to be renewed for the next school year. The process works differently at the collegiate level than it does at the K-12 level, but the end result was the same — apparently, guns were the answer to not being rehired.

How does this happen? Do we just not believe it's possible for our teachers to act with the same violence that has permeated the rest of society?

If so, how can we be so naïve? We've had school shootings for years, usually started by students. Now we have teachers turning on faculty and administrators. When will a faculty member decide to train a weapon on students?

Guns are not the answer to life's problems. Maybe we need better background checks and vigilance when our teachers are stranger than normal.

## Editorial Cartoonist: Charles Brubaker



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## Darwinian global economics and little ol' me

Arthur W. Hunt III  
Guest Columnist

Last month the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that corporations had a First Amendment right to spend as much money as they wanted in support of political candidates. The majority on the court claimed the government should not regulate political speech. However, dissenters pointed out that allowing corporate money to flood the marketplace would corrupt the democratic process.

In Justice Stevens's written dissent—90 pages in length—he insisted there was a qualitative difference between corporate speech and the speech of ordinary human beings. Even President Obama complained the ruling was "a major victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and other powerful interests that marshal their power every day in Washington to drown out the voices of everyday Americans."

Powerful interests. Drowning out voices. Corruption. This is strong language to direct against corporations, entities which most Americans now depend on for their livelihood. But with unemployment at 10 percent or more, and with continued scandals on Wall

Street, it begs the question: Do the corporations care about me? Little ol' me?

Ask this question to a Goodyear employee in Union City who doesn't know if his job will be around next year. Under the "competitive global marketplace" corporations have increasingly distanced themselves from their long standing social contract with employees and the local community.

There is little shame in all of this; after all, modern capitalism now operates under the paradigm of "survival of the fittest." Just the other week Robert Kelly, CEO of Mellon Bank, told PBS's "News Hour," "No bank should be too big to fail. . . Capitalism works. Darwinism works."

Kelly's comment was reminiscent of Michael Douglas line in the movie "Wall Street": "Greed is right. Greed works." For a big banker like Kelly to equate capitalism and Darwinism in the same breath is—let us just say—revealing.

It is interesting to me how "conservatives"—that is, the familiar profile of Republican, "Fox News" junkie, Christian, Rush-loving types—can align themselves with the social Darwinists who believe market

forces should weed out the weak.

My point here is not to dispute whether big banks should be left to fail, but to note how "conservative Christians" have historically been adversaries of social Darwinists. At least they were the last time I read a speech by William Jennings Bryan, that populous pulpitering politician of a man who fought to keep Darwinism out of the public schools in Tennessee.

Bryan was not only repulsed with the thought of humans evolving from apes, but equally concerned with where Darwinism might lead in society at large. We must remember Bryan waged his attack from the political left, from the side social reform, and that he was a pacifist who, like Albert Einstein, attributed the excesses of the Great War with the influence of Friedrich Nietzsche, perhaps our best known social Darwinist. (Nietzsche was the one who declared, "God is dead," right before he went insane.)

In 1886 the Supreme Court gave corporations real person status. It should come as no surprise to us that a survival of the fittest philosophy in the marketplace would lend credence to a rugged

individualism of the most extreme sort, so that "corporate individuals" feel little obligation to love their neighbors or act with moral restraint.

The agrarian author Wendell Berry says this type of rugged individualism has "cost us dearly in lost topsoil, in destroyed forests, in the increasing toxicity of the world, and in annihilated species."

In his book, "The Corporation," Joel Bakan argues that corporations share the same traits of a sociopath—callous unconcern for the feelings of others, incapable of maintaining enduring relationships, reckless disregard for the safety of others, repeated lying and coming others for the sake of profit, an incapacity to experience guilt, and failure to conform to the social norms with respect of lawful behavior.

Of course not all corporations are this deviant, nevertheless, like Darwinism itself, survival of the fittest consumerist capitalism offers us no ethical system that the weakest in society would want to live under. Of late Darwinian global economics has given us longer hours and lower wages as well as job insecurity. Survival of the fittest means selling cheaply by using the

cheapest labor possible, and that means pulling up the stakes and moving south or overseas when pressed with the notion of providing a living wage.

There has got to be a better way.

Toward the end of his life Paul Weyrich, co-founder of the Heritage Foundation, wrote, "The next conservative economics needs to define free enterprise more broadly, looking not just at the danger from government but also at the threat from vast corporations, many of them multi-nationals that could care less about America's future."

There needs to be a constitutional presumption that favors families, communities, and local regions over the corporation, a condition that might only be achieved through depleting corporations of their real person status. As harsh and radical as this might sound, it may be the only way to stabilize our slash-and-run economy and bring it back to moral sanity.

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"I wouldn't give anything to losers."



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# News

## Dr. Robert Moses, activist, will be keynote speaker at Civil Rights Conference

From University Relations

Civil Rights legend, Dr. Bob Moses, will keynote the University of Tennessee at Martin's 10th annual Civil Rights Conference, "Civil Rights in the Age of Obama," slated for Feb. 20-26.

"Bob Moses was the lead organizer for the Civil Rights Movement in the most segregated state of the union, Mississippi, during the most turbulent period in the movement's history, 1960-1965," said Dr. David Barber, conference coordinator and UT Martin professor of history. "Moses himself was beaten and threatened repeatedly in Mississippi, and a number of people with whom he worked were murdered in cold blood, including Herbert Lee, murdered by a Mississippi state senator, and 1964's Freedom Summer civil rights murder victims, Andrew Schwerner, Mickey Goodman and James Chaney," Barber added. "Yet despite the extraordinary level of violence leveled against the movement, Moses unflinchingly led black Mississippians in the struggle for voting rights and freedom."

Moses will speak at 7 p.m., Feb. 25, in Watkins Auditorium in Boling University Center. The UT Martin Collegiate Gospel Choir will perform before his address.

Three-time Grammy Award-winning musician, Bill Miller, will highlight Native American Civil Rights Day at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 23, in Watkins Auditorium. Miller is back for his second time as Native American keynote. UT Martin junior Chasity Roberson described Miller's performance last year as "simply amazing, an experience you will never forget." The doors open at 5:50 p.m., with Elizabeth Cox, UT Martin dual-enrollment student, performing an original piece of music.

The Civil Rights Conference will open with African American History Month activities, sponsored by the Ken-Tenn Homecoming and Reunion Association and Community Forum, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Tennessee Room at the McCombs Center. A special event honoring African American domestic workers, also sponsored by Ken-Tenn, will be held from 3-5 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Harvey Vick Center in the South Fulton Municipal Building.

Two events will highlight Feb. 22 activities: a student rally for social justice, at noon in the plaza between the university center and Paul Meek Library, and a Black History Month Quiz Bowl in Watkins Auditorium at 7 p.m., sponsored by UT Martin's National Association of Black Journalists chapter.

On Feb. 23, in addition to Bill Miller's talk and performance, Dr. Henry Parker, UT Martin professor of philosophy, UT Martin senior Karen Adams and other student participants will discuss "How the Lies of History Have Tarnished Our Moral Values," from 1-3 p.m., in Watkins Auditorium.

On Feb. 24, Brooke Haycock, playwright and actor, will perform from 1-3 p.m., Feb. 24, in Watkins Auditorium. With a background in student organizing, her one-woman shows have been used to spark dialogue and focus energies around some of the most pressing and emotionally charged issues in American education today.

A series of events mark



Keynote speaker for the Civil Rights Conference Dr. Robert Moses.

conference activities on the conference's main day, Feb. 25, taking place in Watkins Auditorium. From 9:30-10:45 a.m., Dr. Cynthia Fleming, UT Knoxville professor of history, will speak about "Civil Rights in the Age of Obama." She is the author of the recently published "Yes We Can? From King's Dream to Obama's Promise," which has received critical acclaim from both scholars and civil rights activists.

From 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Chude Allen and Karen Trusty will lead a discussion on "White Privilege and White Activism in the Struggle for Black Freedom." Allen was one of the earliest organizers of the women's liberation movement. She taught anti-racism workshops for both women's liberation groups and the YWCA. She is also a published author. Trusty was an exchange student at Spelman College in 1963 and became active in the sit-in movement in Atlanta. She produced a film, "In Rarefied Air," which documents her story. She was recently awarded a Martin Luther King "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the World Arts Foundation.

From 1-2:15 p.m., Dr. Vivian Carter, associate professor of sociology at Tuskegee University, will speak about "Racial Disparities in Health Care." Carter is currently a member of the Service Core for the Tuskegee National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, which seeks to promote equity and justice in health and health care. She is also vice president for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Research Network in Health Care and Health Disparities.

From 2:30-3:45 p.m., Joyce Washington, T.D. Morris and Pete Algee will discuss "Local Civil Rights History: Fulton and South Fulton." Washington, Morris and Algee all attended a segregated school in South Fulton during the fifties and early sixties and were part of the pioneering generation of black students integrating previously all-white schools. "Their stories remind us of a very recent past of segregation and discrimination and the meaning that segregation had for the lives of black people and white people right here in western Tennessee," said Barber.

The conference will close at 7 p.m., Feb. 26, in Watkins Auditorium with a documentary film, "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" The film explores racial and socioeconomic inequalities in health.

For more information, complete schedule or reservations, call 731-881-7465 or e-mail Barber, at dbarber@utm.edu. The conference schedule and a file of the schedule can be found at [www.utm.edu/civilrights](http://www.utm.edu/civilrights) or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?pv=info&ref=mf&id=92875165374>.



Staff members of The Pacer and WUTM stand together one last time before the long trip back to UTM from the Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC) convention, hosted this year by Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La. Pictured in front, left to right: Pacer adviser Tomi Parrish, Rachel Stephens, Marquita Douglas, Benita Evans and Jen DeYeso. Second row: Randy Cavin, Layton Scarbrough, Regina Emery, Josh Lemons and Spencer Taylor. Third row: Tonya Jordan, Josh Weiss, Charlie McIntosh and Rex Stoker. UTM will host the SEJC convention in February 2012.

## UTM students, media win regional awards

### Staff Reports

WUTM, for the second time in three years, has won the right to call itself best in the South with its first-place ranking in the annual Southeast Journalism Conference competition.

The Pacer also brought home some serious bragging rights from the annual SEJC convention, held this year in Hammond, La. The Pacer ranked seventh in "Best College Newspaper," cementing its consistent placement – in five of the past six years, in fact – in the Top 10 of college newspapers in the Southeast.

Several members of the WUTM and Pacer staffs also won individual awards in the 2009 "Best in the South" contest as well as in the 2010 on-site contest in Hammond:

- The UTM team, overall team championship awards, fifth place
- Jennifer DeYeso, Best Advertising Staff Member, first place
- Benita Evans, Best Radio Journalist, second place
- Charlie McIntosh, Best News Reporter, ninth place
- Rex Stoker, Best News Graphic Designer, second place
- Josh Weiss, Best Sports Writer, eighth place
- Regina Emery, Media History, first place
- Spencer Taylor, Arts & Entertainment Writing, third place
- Josh Lemons, Sports Writing, second place
- Randy Cavin, Current

### Events, third place

• Josh Weiss and Layton Scarbrough, Public Relations Team, second place

"It is very gratifying to learn of this honor from the Southeast Journalism Conference," said Dr. Richard Robinson, assistant professor of Communications and WUTM faculty adviser.

"WUTM is a true team effort, from the hard-working students and staff to a highly supportive administration. Every day these people are dedicated to making WUTM the best university radio station it can be, and it is exciting to have those efforts validated by the Southeast Journalism Conference. I couldn't be more pleased."

Tomi Parrish, instructor of Communications and Pacer/Spirit faculty adviser, said she was thrilled that The Pacer continues to garner recognition for the staff's hard work and dedication.

"Our job every week is to print the best newspaper we can," Parrish said. "We don't do what we do for the awards, but it certainly is sweet to know that my students are consistently earning praise for their efforts."

Two other Communications students, Danny Hussey and David Deaton, were recognized earlier this month for their work in Visual Communication by winning bronze awards in the annual Addy competition for advertising professionals and college students.

The West Tennessee chapter of the American



Left, Danny Hussey and right, David Deaton

Advertising Federation sponsored the West Tennessee regional ADDY competition in which Hussey and Deaton placed. The students do not directly compete with the professionals but they are evaluated by the same judges as the professional entries and held to the same criteria.

Hussey received his award for his Project Recycle video. Deaton's award was in the Direct Mail category for a postcard design he created for a class project.

"I am very proud of Danny and David," said Tracy Rutledge, instructor of Communications and the course instructor for both men's projects. "The Addy's tradition is that entries only receive awards if the judges feel that there is a high level of creativity and technical execution. The Addy awards recognize both the hard work that went into the projects and the creative talent displayed by the students. Danny and David not only held their own against other college students, but the judges felt they displayed the talent and skills desired in the workplace."

"The Addy competition is an excellent opportunity for students to get their work in

front of creative professionals in the region. AAF-West Tennessee members are from many of the advertising agencies and media companies in West Tennessee. The competition provides opportunities to make connections with potential employers. Receiving an Addy is an endorsement that makes a strong statement on a resume and the exposure can open job opportunities," Rutledge said.

Dr. Robert Nanney, chair of the Department of Communications, said he was incredibly pleased with the state of awards.

"I want to congratulate Tomi Parrish, Richard Robinson, Tracy Rutledge and their students for an amazing year. I realize these awards don't just happen. It takes a lot of vision, training and hard work, and I am so proud of them all. They continue to represent this department and this campus with excellence," Nanney said.

The annual SEJC convention will be held in February 2011 in Troy, Ala., and then comes to UTM in February 2012. The theme for the 2012 conference is "Armageddon: Crisis Journalism."

At the recent convention, Pacer staff members Regina Emery and Spencer Taylor were elected SEJC student presidents-elect and adviser Tomi Parrish was elected SEJC president-elect in preparation for the 2012 conference.

UTM has never before hosted the SEJC conference.

## Concerns expressed about school shooting suspect

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A principal shot at an elementary school was one of several people who had previously expressed concerns about the fourth-grade teacher who is now charged with the shooting.

Inskip Elementary Principal Elisa Luna met in November with Knox County School investigators who were reviewing allegations that teacher Mark Stephen Foster had mental health problems that could make him a danger to staff and students. She told them other staff members thought Foster acted like "two different people" at times.

Police say Foster, 48, shot Luna and Assistant Principal Amy Brace several times each on Wednesday afternoon in the school's office, not long after the two informed him his contract with the school system would not be renewed for the next school year.

Foster, of Clinton, was arraigned Thursday on two counts of attempted first-degree murder and unlawful

possession of a gun on school property. He is being held with bond set at \$1 million.

"There had been some preliminary conversation about having a school security officer present (for the meeting with Foster)," Knox County Schools Superintendent James McIntyre Jr. said Thursday. "It's my understanding a decision was made at a school level not to have that happen for a variety of reasons."

Luna was upgraded to serious condition on Friday morning. Brace remained in stable condition.

"The Luna family is incredibly appreciative of and grateful for all of the thoughts and prayers coming from across the state of Tennessee and throughout the nation for our precious Elisa and for our family," the family said in a statement Friday.

McIntyre said the contract decision was made by Luna and he couldn't say what prompted her decision to let him go.

Luna had admonished Foster last week after getting a complaint that he yelled at students. Several students had also requested to be removed from Foster's class because they felt he was mean to them while others said Foster told his students to "shut up" on occasion.

Foster, who had worked at Inskip since August 2008, told Luna and Brace that he had "been under pressure repeatedly" in response to the complaints.

The November investigation by the school system was prompted by an anonymous e-mail to the superintendent by a person who claimed Foster was a "ticking time bomb."

School investigators contacted more than a dozen people whose names were suggested by the tipster, but no one could confirm Foster had any mental health problems or had ever spent time in a mental health facility.

Investigators learned from authorities about allegations that Foster had threatened

other people. They also learned that his brother, Anthony Foster, sought an order of protection in April 2009 against him, but the order was dismissed the following month and investigators were concerned about Anthony Foster's credibility.

"What was found was family issues, some minor disputes over property lines and a few folks who really didn't like Mark Foster," McIntyre said. "What was not found was any evidence of a crime nor any indication that Mark Foster represented any imminent threat."

Because it did not appear Foster had violated any school policy, the case was closed in December.

By state law, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation background checks are conducted on all prospective teachers. Foster's background check, which included a fingerprint search, drug test and review of Department of Children's Services records, was clean, McIntyre said.



# News

## H1N1, one year later

Erica Davis  
Pacer Writer

It has been a year since one of the scariest flu outbreaks. The first cases of 2009 H1N1 flu were reported in the spring of 2009. Since the virus is a new strain, most people are not immune to it. That means many more people may become sick than usual this flu season. What kinds of precautions have been set at UTM to keep students and faculty healthy?

"UTM has developed and implemented a coordinated effort among several campus departments to educate faculty, staff and students and to prevent the spread of influenza

and influenza like illnesses," Director/Nurse Practitioner Shannon Deal said. "Such efforts include informational posters, availability of hand sanitizer, emails, announcements and outreach presentations. These efforts in conjunction with adherence to guidelines by our campus members has resulted in a very successful campaign."

There are five steps that should be taken to help prevent getting sick;

1. Stay at home and rest.
2. Avoid close contact with well people in your house so you will not make them sick.
3. Drink plenty of water and other clear liquids to

prevent fluid loss (dehydration).

4. Treat fever and cough with medicines you can buy at the store.

5. If you get very sick, are pregnant, or have a medical condition that puts you at higher risk of flu complications (like asthma...), call your doctor. You might need antiviral medicine to treat flu.

Some flu symptoms are:

- A fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (feeling very tired) (webmd.com)

Many doctors tell people with flu-like illness should stay at home except to get medical care or other necessities: Until at least 24 hours after they are free of a fever without having taken any medicines that lower fever. Examples of medicines that lower fever include acetaminophen (such as Tylenol®) and ibuprofen (such as Advil®; or Motrin®).

Shots are now available at any doctor's office, certain Walgreens, and the Department of Health and Human Services. They are around \$18 depending on where you go.

### Candidate

From Cover

"It doesn't necessarily mean that the older workers, or the people who have been there awhile, have to go back to school and get a degree but they do need some additional training so we've got to work harder on our training facilities across the state to make sure that we're offering that kind of training so those businesses can come into the future."

McMillan put her views of using education to further economic development into practice at APSU. APSU developed a specialized two year program in chemical engineering to attract Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation to Clarksville, TN. She said the program brought the company to the area and created 500 to 2000 new jobs in that region.

"It's something that we can replicate at schools in West TN. We can replicate it just about anywhere."

McMillan said while education and jobs are talked about the most as important issues, healthcare is important as well. She said, "If people are not well they're not able to work, they're not able to provide for their families, they're not

able to be productive citizens so healthcare is extremely, extremely important."

She said Tennessee can't wait for Washington to resolve the healthcare issue but must begin to implement programs on the state level.

McMillan said her concern with TennCare was that while it provides coverage for the poor there are many people who aren't covered because they work but they don't make enough to afford private insurance or work for a small company which can't afford big insurance, either. She said that's why they have started programs such as Cover Tennessee, Cover Kids and Access Tennessee in order to help small employers provide coverage to their employees.

"We help the health of Tennesseans, we help the well-being of Tennesseans by doing that and we also help the small employers. We help the state and we reduce the number of uninsured individuals in Tennessee."

When asked what another top issue in the state was, McMillan said public safety.

"Because if people don't

feel safe in their homes, if people don't feel safe in their communities then none of this else matters. So we really got to focus on public safety."

She said as governor she would like to focus on local police departments, fire departments and emergency medical technicians. She said she would also like to focus on laws in Tennessee to ensure that people are being treated appropriately, that dangerous criminals are kept off the streets and that children and the elderly are protected.

Finally, when asked her thoughts on her success in state politics as a female she said she thought it gives her a different viewpoint on several issues. However, she said, "I don't want to be governor just because I'm a woman. I want to be governor because I think I'm the most qualified person and the best person to be governor."

She said she hopes people can overlook her status as a female and vote on her based on her qualifications for the job.

"I want them to look at my ability and I want them to look

at my vision for the future of Tennessee and say, we don't care if she's a man or a woman or if she's black or white or if she's green or whatever else. We're for her because we believe she's got the right vision and the education and the qualification to be the best governor of Tennessee."

When asked her advice to UTM students who may be interested in politics, McMillan said she hopes they get involved because young people can make a difference through their different perspectives and experiences.

"I just think it is so important that we have a representative form of government that represents all of our citizens. There are a whole lot of young people that are out there and they need to be represented in our state government just like I feel like women need to be represented and African Americans and other minorities. Everyone needs to have a voice and be represented and the only way you can have that voice is if you get involved."

### Saturday, February 20

Ken-Tenn Homecoming & Reunion Association Community Forum: Black History Month Activities. Tennessee Room, McCombs Hall. 10am - 5pm

### Sunday, February 21

Ken-Tenn Homecoming and Reunion Association and Community Forum: African American History Month Activities. Harvey Vick Center, South Fulton, TN. 3pm - 5pm. For more info: kthracf@gmail.com

Civil Rights Movie: Amistad, Steven Spielberg's classic account of an 1839 slave-ship rebellion. Watkins Auditorium. Sponsored by the UTM Student Activities Council. 6pm and 9pm.

### Monday, February 22

Student Rally for Social Justice: Boling University Center and Paul Meek Library Plaza. 12pm  
Black History Quiz Bowl: Sponsored by the National Association of Black Journalists. 7pm

### Tuesday, February 23

"How the Lives of History Have Tarnished Our Moral Values," Watkins Auditorium, Dr. Henry Parker, Karen Adams and Student Participants. 1pm-3pm

Upcoming Black History Events

### Shooting

From Cover

Police say the gun she's accused of using in the Alabama shooting wasn't registered, and investigators don't know how or where she got it.

Bishop, who has four children, was arrested soon after the shooting and charged with capital murder. Three counts of attempted murder were filed against Bishop over the weekend, according to jail records. Her husband was detained and questioned by police but has not been charged.

James Anderson said his wife had an attorney but would not say who it was. He declined further comment to The Associated Press on Sunday. However, he told the *Chronicle of Higher Education* earlier in the day that he had no idea his wife had a gun — nor did he know of any threats or plans to carry out the shooting when he dropped her off at the faculty meeting Friday afternoon.

Just after the shooting, Anderson told the *Chronicle*, his wife called and asked him to pick her up. She never mentioned the shooting, he said.

UAH student Andrew Cole was in Bishop's anatomy class Friday morning and said she seemed perfectly normal. Kourtney Lattimore, 19, a sophomore studying nursing who had Bishop for anatomy

and physiology courses, said she didn't notice anything out of the ordinary.

"She was fine. It was a normal day," Lattimore said.

Bishop had worked closely for three years with Dick Reeves, who had been CEO of BizTech, which had been working with her to market a cell incubator she invented to replace traditional equipment used in live cell cultures. Bishop often mentioned the issue of tenure in their discussions, Reeves said.

"It was important to her," he said.

However, the two had spoken as early as Wednesday, and Reeves said she showed no signs of distress.

Killed were Gopi K. Podila, the chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences, and professors Adriel Johnson and Davis. Three people were wounded. Two of them — Joseph Leahy and staffer Stephanie Monticciolo — were in critical condition Monday. The third, Luis Cruz-Vera, had been released from the hospital.

Bishop was calm as she got into a police car Friday, denying that the shootings occurred. "It didn't happen. There's no way. ... They are still alive."

Associated Press Writer Stephen Singer in Hartford, Conn., contributed to this report.

### Tuck

From Cover

The victims in Shelby County gave the same description of the offender that the victims in Martin gave.

The Shelby County victims

said the man had a big belly and wore a ninja-type mask.

Aggravated rape carries a sentence of up to 60 years without parole. The

District Attorney's office said aggravated rape and aggravated robbery are charges covered by the D.A.'s "No Deals" policy on violent crimes.

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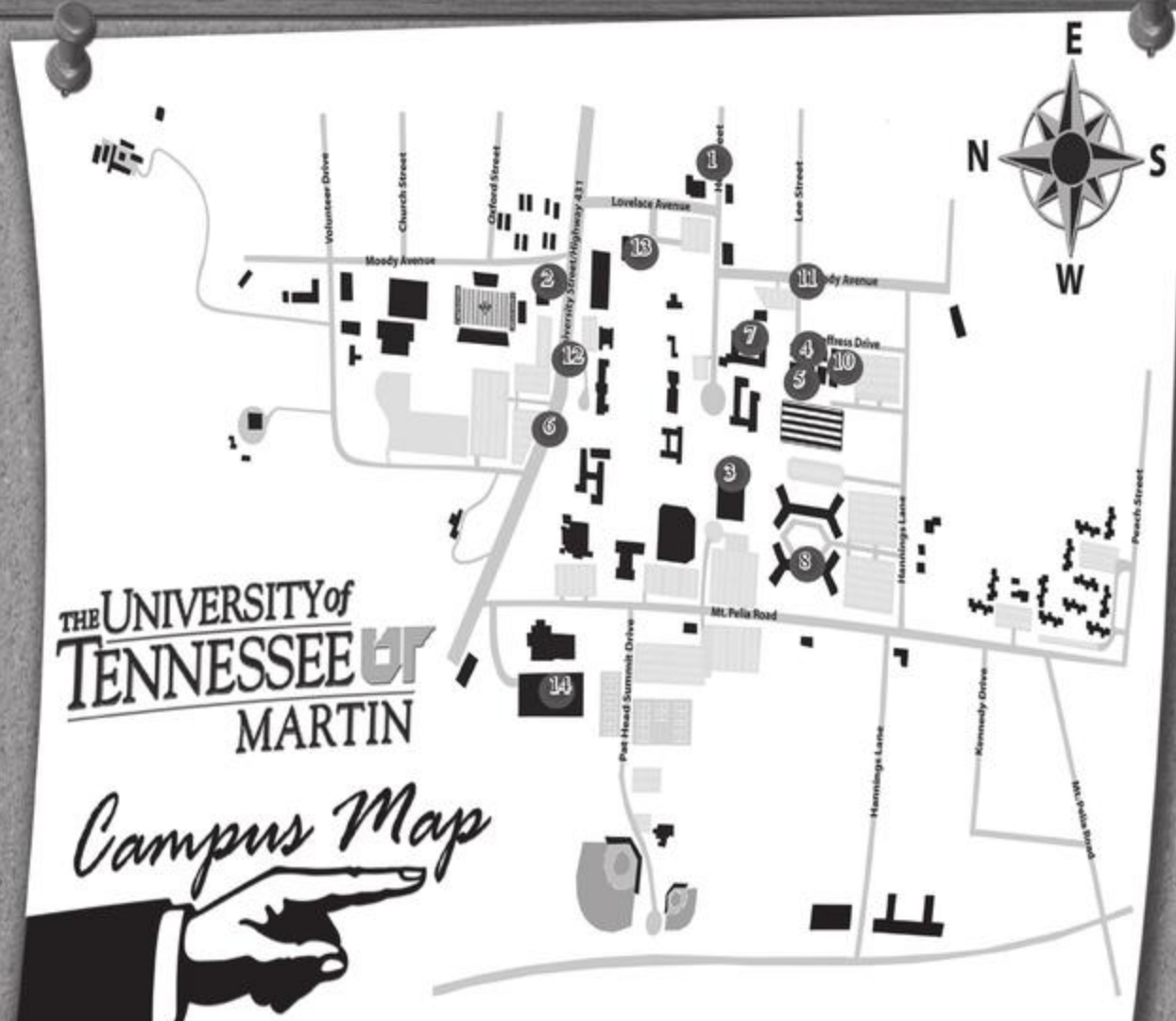


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### Campus Map



## POLICE REPORT

- 1 2-5-10 at 7:50 am-Hurt Street-Subject issued a citation for speeding. (City Court)
- 2 2-5-10 at 1:46 pm-Student Life Building-Report of missing property. Report on file.
- 3 2-6-10 at 12:40 am-Univ Center-Received a report of a subject who had gained unauthorized access to another subject's social networking account. Responsible party was identified and referred to Student Affairs.
- 4 Fire Call-2-6-10 at 6:12 pm-Univ Village "C" Unit-Report the smoke alarm was sounding-Officers and MFD responded and determined it to be caused by cooking food.
- 5 Fire Call-2-6-10 at 6:24 pm-Univ Village "G" Unit-Report the smoke alarm was sounding-Officers responded and determined it to be caused by cooking food. MFD notified.
- 6 2-8-10 at 7:56 am-Univ Street-Subject was issued a citation for no proof of insurance. (Gen Sessions Court)
- 7 2-8-10 at 12:47 pm-Cooper Hall-Received a report that a subject was being harassed. The responsible party was contacted and referred to Student Affairs.
- 8 2-9-10 at 2:32 am-Browning Hall-Report of a subject who was ill. Officers responded and transported the subject to the hospital.
- 9 2-9-10 at 1:04 am-Gardner Hynds Rd-Officers assisted MPD with locating a subject wanted on outstanding out of state warrants. Subject was located and turned over to MPD.
- 10 Fire Call-2-9-10 at 3:52 pm-Univ Village "H" Unit-Report the fire alarm was sounding. Officers and MFD responded and determined it to be caused by someone activating one of the pull stations.
- 11 2-10-10 at 8:55 pm-Moody Street-Subject was issued a citation for a stop sign violation (City Court) and driving on a revoked license (Gen Sessions Court).
- 12 2-11-10 at 7:52 am-Univ Street-Subject issued a citation for a crosswalk violation. (City Court)
- 13 2-11-10 at 6:28 pm-Business Admin-Subject reported the loss of personal property-Report on file.
- 14 2-11-10 at 10:24 pm-Elam Center-Subject reported the loss of personal property-Report on file.

After the recent shooting at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, *The Pacer* wants you to know the UTM Department of Public Safety's emergency response plan:

Campus wide lockdown; an emergency course of action ordered by a person or persons in command, to contain a problem or incident within the area of origin by controlling the movement of people.

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If you are not in a secure area, try to get to one as soon as possible.

Keep area secure until police or other responsible authorities arrive and give you directions.

Turn off lights and audio equipment that may lead to detection.

## Campus Bulletin Board

### Times Talk

Join us today for Times Talk at noon in the Skyhawk Cafeteria, room 125. Arthur W. Hunt, Assistant Professor of Communications, will be moderating the topic, "Do Corporations Have Too Much Power?"

### Undergraduate Alumni Council

The Office of Alumni Relations has announced that Undergraduate Alumni Council (UAC) nominations and selections will be taking place soon. The deadline for submissions from interested students is Friday, Feb. 19, 2010. Applications can be picked up at the Office of Alumni Relations and the University Center.

### PSEPP

The Personal Safety Empowerment Program Project (PSEPP) invites you to visit its Web site. PSEPP provides advocacy and an entry portal for students who have been victims of sexual assault or stalking.

### Who's Who

The Who's Who Award Ceremony will be 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Student Life Center.

### Faculty Percussion Recital

Andrew Bliss will be performing a percussion recital Sunday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. at Watkins Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

### Greek Awards Ceremony

The Greek Awards Ceremony will be Sunday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Student Life Center.

Campus Bulletin Board submissions may be e-mailed to [pacer\\_news@utlm.edu](mailto:pacer_news@utlm.edu).



# Life

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## 'Wolfman' can't handle full moon, test of time

Spencer Taylor  
Managing Editor

Before I begin my review of *The Wolfman*, I should clarify that I am a huge fan of the Universal movie monsters.

Before I was introduced to the works of George A. Romero, John Carpenter and Sam Raimi, my horror movie collection contained titles headlined with the likes of Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi and Lon Chaney Jr.

I can say with a certain satisfaction that although many of my childhood hobbies and interests died away, I have always held a special place in my heart for the silver screen horrors that stimulated and captivated my imagination.

This newest rendition of *The Wolfman* should be familiar to any who have seen the original 1941 picture. While a few changes have been made in the plot to make it a little more complex than the original, these changes simply don't add up to much in the long run, and the film is really hampered by so many other factors anyway.

Lawrence Talbot (Benicio Del Toro) returns to his family estate in England after learning about the death of his brother. After meeting with his crazed father (Anthony Hopkins) and his dead brother's fiancée (Emily Blunt), Talbot sets out to find the answer behind his

brother's grisly death. Without giving away too much of the plot, Talbot eventually crosses paths with the monster and becomes one himself.

Other than a few twists to the story at the end, not much has really changed in the werewolf formula since 1941.

True, this newest version

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contains a decent amount of violence and gore. If you subscribe to *Fangoria* and own all twenty *Saw* movies, this probably won't be a big deal for you. But if the last movie you saw in theaters was *Dear John*, you may have to look away a few times. (If you fit into both these categories, then good for you.)

Along with the violence, the film has obviously been given a visual effects reboot. No longer does Lawrence Talbot change into the Wolf man via a silly "time-progression" style. Now, his fingers snap around, his skin bubbles and he spits

blood everywhere.

Sure technology wasn't that advanced in the forties, but when looking for good things to say about this movie, I've found myself scratching the bottom of the barrel.

The positives of this film pretty much stop there. The one constant I was almost certain I could count on was the acting corps that ran this movie. I'm a lifelong fan of Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins but both delivered performances so dry and lifeless, I wondered after the movie if the

two may be looking for new agents.

The creature effects in the film, while not terrible, were certainly nothing special. I found a little amusement in that the werewolf resembled Lon Chaney Jr.'s in the original film, but after I thought about it, I realized that much of the action was really just an R-rated replica of the 'Messin' with Sasquatch' commercials on TV.

Visually, the film was incredibly dark. While I would expect nothing less, the film didn't really put it to good use like other better horror movies

of late such as *Sleepy Hollow* or maybe *30 Days of Night*. Those films utilized their darkness to convey fear; *Wolfman* does it and you fall asleep.

What really hurts this film most of all, however, is that the *Wolfman* just isn't as timeless as some of his terrifying counterparts.

*Dracula*, *The Mummy* and to some extent the Frankenstein monster are all creatures that have survived the test of time. The *Wolfman*, however, just doesn't hold up in today's society. In a world ruled by poltergeists, viral out-breaks and the zombie apocalypse, a man running around as a wolf just doesn't dominate an audience's amygdala like it used to.

While I wish I could say *The Wolfman* was worth the seven dollars I paid, I honestly just can't. Using a dated creature, an old formula and employing a cast that appears like it just doesn't want to be in the movie, *The Wolfman* just falls flat. Audiences are better served by popping in their worn VHS copy and watching Lon Chaney Jr. prowl the silver screen, even if it still isn't too scary today.

*Editor's note: Technically, the 1941 film was titled The Wolf Man while the new 2010 rendition merges the title into The Wolfman.*

**Entertainment**  
*NEXT*

**BIG SCREEN**

**Shutter Island**  
R. 138 min.  
February 19



**DVD/BLURAY**

**Law Abiding Citizen**  
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**MUSIC**

**Wu-Tang: "Return of the Wu and Friends"**  
February 16

## Native American artist returns to UTM



Trevor Smith  
Asst. Sports Editor

Next Tuesday, February 23rd, UTM will welcome back one of the most decorated Native American performers in history for his second performance here at the university.

For over 35 years, musician Bill Miller has delighted and inspired audiences around the globe.

A three-time Grammy winner, Miller has been recognized on the highest of levels for his music, but he is also a seven-time Native American Music Award winner and is considered an icon amongst Native American people. Also a celebrated painter, Miller has been featured in a number of national showcases for his artwork.

He is also an in-demand keynote speaker and lecturer.

The event that garnered him the most worldwide attention was "The Last Stand", an original symphony that Miller co-composed with two others, Joshua Yudkin and Kristin Wilkinson, in collaboration with conductor Amy Mills. What Miller refers to as a "symphony of hope" commemorates the Battle of Little Big Horn of the Great Sioux War. The symphony was performed across Israel by the Kibbutz Orchestra, will Miller playing Native American flute as the concert soloist.

Brent Cox, a professor of History here at UT-Martin, has a healthy respect for Bill Miller and his work. "He inspires me. He is perhaps one of the greatest guitarists and musicians I have ever seen live," said Cox. "He will mesmerize you with his skill and talent. I'm a guitarist too, and Bill is one of the best I have ever seen."

He then was introduced on a national stage when he was asked to open for Tori Amos the following year on her "Under The Pink" tour. Since then, he has toured with a variety of musicians including Eddie Vedder, Arlo Guthrie and Richie Havens and has

co-written songs with the likes of Nanci Griffith, Kim Carnes and Michael Martin Murphy. He also tours the country performing on college campuses like UT-Martin and speaking to audiences to raise cultural awareness and strengthen race relations.

Music, however, remains the closest to Bill Miller's heart and his primary bridge to his audiences. He continues to write and compose new works at his home. His highly anticipated new album, "Chronicles of Hope," is due for release in the near future and his previous titles are available on iTunes and in various retail stores across in United States. For more information on Bill Miller and his works, visit his personal website at [www.billmillerarts.com](http://www.billmillerarts.com).

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## 'Whip It' charms with cast; Barrymore at the helm

Regina Emery  
Asst. Life Editor

This review should have been printed months ago, but considering that Martin's Cine 6 Theater doesn't always show every film that's released, I decided to wait until *Whip It* came out on DVD.

*Whip It*, a dramedy featuring an all-star "funny fatale" cast, is also the directorial debut of Drew Barrymore. Debating at the Toronto film festival last fall, it received high praise for both its cast and director and was nominated for the Bronze Horse award.

In a nutshell, it is another coming-of-age film, following young Bliss Cavender's (*Juno*'s Ellen Page) journey from small-town nobody to a roller derby somebody.

In typical Page fashion, Bliss is an Indie music-loving teen with a witty vocabulary

and a misfit wardrobe to match. Clad in a pig-decaled apron, she works with her friend as a waitress with dreams of escaping the small-town rut. Rather than succumbing to the pageant princess lifestyle her mother has chosen for her, Bliss opts for the rough and tough rumbling world of roller derby. As her skating alter ego Babe Ruthless rises to fame, her personal life's conflicts rise to a head.

The clichés are there. Sneaking out, first love and of course Mom finding out just before the big match. Nevertheless, *Whip It*'s supporting cast, which includes Barrymore, Juliette Lewis, Eve, and *Saturday Night Live*'s Jimmy Fallon and Kristen Wiig, offer enough comedic



quirk to keep audiences from getting bored.

Barrymore's role is perhaps my favorite, despite her lack of lines. She spends the majority of the film just getting the snot beat out of her in the

background. Lewis's character is equally entertaining as a spiteful rival with a kick-ass hairdo.

One downside I found was the romance between Bliss

"Still, it was refreshing enough to see Page for once as a girl romantically vulnerable rather than verbally vicious."

and an Indie rocker she meets while partying with the derby damsels. True, the film is supposed to be a coming-of-age film, so naturally a first love would be an event worth chronicling. But it was just so predictable, so boring. It literally slowed down the entire fast-paced film. Still, it was refreshing enough to see Page for once as a girl romantically

vulnerable rather than verbally vicious. In fact, I think I would next like to see Page tackle a true romance...quite a jump indeed.

As an upside, the derby scenes were action-packed and entertaining, though I don't think they alone are enough to appease most male audiences (unless you're a guy who likes *Twilight* or *Juno*—in which case I'd say you'll enjoy the fiercely female film). Then again, there is a bit of crude humor and even an all-girl food fight, which may salvage it for those annoyed with the girl-power. Fallon's energetic emcee and the clever wordplays on the standings chalkboard also subliminally add to these scenes' drollery.

Another thing I enjoyed about the film was that it never annoyed me. Normally, inconsistencies and in general, un-realistic portrayals, bother

me immensely. But scriptwriter Shauna Cross (who wrote the screenplay based off her novel "Derby Girl") did a phenomenal job of accounting for all the aspects of Bliss's life—her friends, her job, her family, and her roller derby career—without forgetting smaller characters or ignoring previous circumstances.

All of the positive buzz the movie is getting I think is well deserved, despite the script's generic ingredients. Barrymore definitely shows her worth as a director, and Page solidifies herself as a dramedy force to be contended with. It may not be epic, and you may not gain anything spiritually from seeing it, but it's impossible to leave the film in a bad mood.

So, rent? Yes. Buy? As a gift to any girl, yes.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH CIVIL RIGHTS TIMELINE

A graphic representation of the key events that propelled the African American Civil Rights Movement



1954  
Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka ruling school segregation declared unconstitutional

1955  
Rosa Parks refuses to move from her bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama boycott follows and bus segregation ordinance is declared unconstitutional

1957  
Arkansas Gov. Orval Rubus uses National Guard to block nine black students from attending a Little Rock High School; following a court order, Pres. Eisenhower sends federal troops to ensure compliance

1960  
Four black college students begin sit-ins at a segregated lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina

1963  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers "I Have a Dream" speech to hundreds of thousands at the March on Washington

1965  
Malcolm X assassinated

1967  
Thurgood Marshall first black to be named to the Supreme Court

1968  
Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis

1973  
Maynard Jackson (Atlanta), first black elected mayor of a major Southern U.S. city

1975  
Voting Rights Act extended

1978  
Supreme Court rules that medical school admission programs that set aside positions based on race are unconstitutional (Bakke decision)

1979  
Shoot-out in Greensboro, North Carolina, leaves five anti-Klan protesters dead; 12 Klansmen charged with murder.



1983  
Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday established

1988  
Congress passes Civil Rights Restoration Act over President Reagan's veto

1989  
Army General Colin Powell becomes first black man to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

1989  
L. Douglas Wilder (Virginia) becomes first black elected governor



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# Sports

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## Men get first OVC victory

Athletic Communications

Three players scored double-figures to help UTM overcome a 17-point first half deficit and come away with its first Ohio Valley Conference victory, as the Skyhawks downed Southeast Missouri 73-70 at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center tonight.

Marquis Weddle came off the bench to score 15 points and pass another all-time UTM great on the program's scoring list, but it was Andres Irarrazabal who had a career-high 14 points and tied a season-high with six rebounds to pace the UTM rally. Irarrazabal was incredibly efficient, making all five of his field goal attempts and going 4-for-5 from the charity stripe in his fifth start of the season. Also igniting the Skyhawk comeback was Reuben Clayton, who scored 12 points and tied a career-high with seven assists in 29 minutes off the bench.

Weddle - who went 3-for-3 from beyond the three-point arc - passed Jeremy Kelly (2001-06) as the program's sixth all-time leading scorer in the first half. Weddle now has 1,224 in 78 career games.

"Marquis heated up when we needed him to late in the first half and Andres was able to finish plays tonight," UTM head coach Jason James said. "It was great for Andres to finally see his hard work that he's been going through the last couple days pay off."

"Our kids fought hard and we didn't lay down when we could have," James said. "It was an all-around team effort and our guys saw what we can do when we play the right way. It's been a long time coming but we knew we were close - it was just about getting over the hump and tonight we finally did."

After Southeast Missouri scored the first two points of the game, Irarrazabal got the Skyhawks on the scoreboard with a lay-up at the 18:05 mark. The Redhawks answered with a 7-0 run over a span of 1:53.

UTM got back within five points twice before Southeast Missouri went on an 8-0 run to go up by 14 points

Trevor Ruszkowski/University Relations



with 13:30 remaining in the first half. A free throw by Daron Hood ended the drought for the Skyhawks before Southeast Missouri scored the game's next five points to go up by 17 points with a little under 11 minutes remaining in the first half.

The teams swapped baskets three more times down the floor before Clayton led an 8-0 run in the next 2:57 by scoring six points to get UTM back

to within single-digits at 30-21.

Eric McCrary made a three-pointer on the Redhawks' next possession to push its lead back out to 12, but Weddle ended the first half on a hot streak - scoring seven unanswered points over the last 1:29 to make the score 38-31 at the halftime break.

Both teams hit one free throw to open the second half before UT Martin's Cataurius Taylor hit a three-pointer

and converted a lay-up off a Redhawk turnover on two straight possessions to force Southeast Missouri head coach Dickey Nutt to call a timeout. Pearson answered with a jumper out of the timeout, but UT Martin once again sliced the Redhawk lead to two on a pair of Zach Jones free throws with 16:19 to go.

Another Pearson jumper put Southeast Missouri up 48-43 but the Skyhawks turned up the defense and saw a 13-0 run turn into an eight point lead with 10:03 left. UTM's trio of Weddle (five points), Irarrazabal (four) and Clayton (four) keyed the crucial run, as the Redhawks would go scoreless for 4:04 of clock time.

A LaMont Russell lay-up with nine minutes left was the Redhawks' first field goal in nearly five minutes, but that led to Southeast Missouri scoring six of the game's next eight points to make the score 59-57 with 7:25 to go.

The Skyhawks barely held on to the lead until Southeast Missouri tallied five unanswered points in 37 seconds to briefly go on top 64-63 on a Smith lay-up. However, that would be the final time UTM would trail throughout the end of the game, as Irarrazabal came up with a big lay-up off a feed from Clayton with 2:42 remaining to put the Skyhawks back up by a point.

UTM forced a missed jumper on the other end, resulting in Clayton setting up Weddle for a trey in the right corner with 1:59 left that put the Skyhawks up 68-64. Southeast Missouri would cut the lead to two but Jones - who hit 9-of-10 free throws on the night - sank two critical freebies with 15 seconds left to push the Skyhawk lead to four.

After a key defensive rebound by Irarrazabal, he made one of two free throws before Allison nailed a pull-up three-pointer with seven seconds remaining to pull the Redhawks back to within two points. Taylor hit one of two free throws with 0.9 seconds remaining on the clock and Southeast Missouri missed an 80-foot heave at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime.

## Column: 2010 Olympics



### A few words about when to tune in

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2010.

It's an even year. That means Olympics.

It's not a factor of four. That means Winter Olympics.

2,629 athletes representing 82 nations as well as hundreds of thousands of fans have descended on the Canadian city of Vancouver, British Columbia.

During the past few days, a number of events have taken place and the United States has already had a strong showing, as it leads the medal count with eight as of Bode Miller's third-place finish in men's downhill skiing Monday.

However, the Swiss lead the overall gold medal count, as their only three medals thus far have been gold.

Figure skating has been a waste of TV time.

It does require athleticism, and I do think it's a sport. Heck, have you ever tried to ice skate? It's impossible.

It's just so boring to the untrained eye, and let's be honest, does anybody other than the judges really have that?

I realize that there has to be something indoors to fill up the nighttime TV slots, but I vote that the Olympic Committee just expand the field of my personal favorite ... curling.

Curling, for those who aren't so sure what it is, is like a big, glorified game of that shuffleboard thing at Cadillac's played on ice.

And it's awesome!

I'm already signed up to get the text message updates from NBC that will tell me exactly when and on what channel curling is on during the entire competition.

Sign up and watch it. It's magical.

Also up there on the list of what to watch for are the three sled sports: bobsledding, luge and skeleton.

You've probably seen the first two before as one has been popularized by "the fastest of the fastest of Jamaican sprinters" and the other was a staple of the early X-Games.

However, skeleton is especially hardcore.

Let me put it in perspective.

Imagine taking a running start, then diving headfirst onto a sled that then takes you careening down a 0.9-mile long ice-covered water slide at speeds upward of 90 miles per hour and drops you roughly 500 vertical feet.

Sounds like fun, right? I can think of a few other words to describe it, namely "pee my pants ... repeatedly."

Overall, though, these are just two of the sports that make up the massive array of events that will take place in the coming days.

So sit back, grab a blanket and be thankful you're not out in the cold like all of those other spectators.

After all, HD is better than being there anyway.

## UTM soccer places three on NSCAA Scholar Team

Athletic Communications

Senior defenders Sophie Cox and Nuala Deans, as well as junior midfielder Jenni Duffy were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar All-South Region honorable mention team.

To be nominated, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) throughout her career; start more than 50 percent of all games and be a significant contributor to the team; be nominated by an institution that is a current NSCAA College Services member; and be a junior or above in academic standing at the current institution.

Cox maintained a 3.36 GPA as an exercise science major, Deans earned a 3.77 GPA in health and human performance and Duffy put together a 3.49 GPA while majoring in physical education.

Cox, from Rolla, Mo., started in all 16 games in 2009, compiling four points on one goal and two assists. She struck for a goal and an assist in UT Martin's 5-0 win over SIU Edwardsville on Sept. 20



Sophie Cox



Nuala Deans



Jenni Duffy

and added an assist in the team's 3-0 win at Austin Peay on Oct. 25. For her career, she started 71 of 73 matches, and ends her four-year career ranking in the top-10 of five all-time individual career records - matches played (73, tied for third), matches started (71, sixth), points (23, tied for ninth), goals (nine, tied for eighth) and shots (95, sixth).

Deans blossomed in 2009, her third season in the Skyhawk program. She anchored a defensive back line that allowed just 13 goals all season - one shy of

the lowest all-time mark in program history. She was one of the leaders on a dominant defense that had a season Goals Against Average of 0.81 - at one point rated as high as No. 20 in the NCAA Division-I statistical categories - and tied the all-time single season record for shutouts (eight). The Edinburgh, Scotland native started the last 15 matches of the season and played all but 83 total minutes this season - meaning she was on the field for 94.3 percent of the team's minutes in 2009.

A native of Middlesbrough, England, Duffy started all 16 matches for the Skyhawks in 2009. She earned seven points - tied for the second-most on the team - on two goals (at Belmont and against Murray State) and three assists (against Lipscomb, at Jacksonville State and against Eastern Illinois). With her three assists in 2009, she now ranks in a tie for fifth place on the all-time assists category in program history.

The Skyhawks went 9-7 last season and earned the program's first-ever Ohio Valley Conference championship

## Rifle competes in NRA Sectional meet in Murray; looks to remain in top 20

Athletic Communications

One week after competing at the Pat Spurgin Rifle Range on the campus of Murray State University for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, the UTM rifle teams made the familiar trek back to Murray for its NRA sectional this weekend.

Kyle Rebillion led all Skyhawks in the smallbore event, shooting a career-high 576 - the fourth-highest score amongst the crowd of teams competing from Murray State, Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech.

Kaitlin Chaffin shot a 569, while Alex Silvas fired a 568. Kelsea Hunt finished with a round of 565, followed by Jennifer Garbina's 558 and Rob Burrows' 555. Josh Pagel



and David Bratcher each shot a 554, while Combs and Grinolds each scored 547 points. Cody Perkins completed the round for UTM with his score of 515.

Hunt led the team in the air rifle competition, as she shot a 583 - the sixth-highest total in the event. Silvas and Combs finished in back-to-back slots with scores of 574 and 573, respectively, while Burrows put together a final round of 570. Chaffin scored a 569, Garbina fired a 566, while Rebillion and Aliana Norris each ended with a score of 565. Pagel and Kellie Zurowski each fired a score of 560, while Kendra King ended the scoring with a round of 535.

"Our smallbore score was the best since 2006," UTM head coach Bob Beard said.

"Our performance should keep us in the top-20 nationally."

The Skyhawk rifle team has finished in the nation's top-20 in 26 of the last 27 years.

## Weatherly awarded eighth Newcomer of the Week Award

Athletic Communications

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Alecia Weatherly was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Newcomer of the Week for an eighth time this season Monday morning. Weatherly is now only one more conference Newcomer of the Week nod away from matching the league's all-time record of nine recognitions.

Weatherly earned her latest Newcomer of the Week accolade after averaging 13.0 points, three rebounds and an assist for the Skyhawks against Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech. In UT Martin's game at Jacksonville State Weatherly played all 40 minutes and scored 12 points while pulling down three rebounds and dishing out an assist.

She followed that up at Tennessee Tech by again playing all 40 minutes and scoring a team-high 14 points, along with again pulling down three rebounds and handing out an assist.

This is the second consecutive week Weatherly has been named the Conference Newcomer of the Week, and the third time she has won the award in back-to-back weeks this year. In all a Skyhawk has taken home the Newcomer honor nine of the 13 times it has been handed out this season. Darnisha Lyles also earned the accolade Feb. 1.

Weatherly and the rest of the Skyhawks will return to the floor at 7 p.m., Thursday night when they welcome OVC leader Eastern Illinois to Skyhawk Arena.